

In the past 50 years, the Arthritis Foundation has funded research, increased public awareness and provided needed education and services. These major contributions have placed the goal of curing and managing the impact of some forms of arthritis within a realistic reach. I congratulate the Foundation on this golden achievement and wish it continued success in the future.●

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. H. JAMES MAHAN

● Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to take a few minutes to honor the career of a champion of public education, Dr. H. James Mahan, as he retires from the position of Superintendent of Homewood School District Number 153 in Homewood, Illinois.

For 15 years, Dr. Mahan has led Homewood School District #153 down a path of educational excellence and innovation. In 1984, the district had 1,450 students and 90 professional staff members. Today, there are 2,240 students and 180 professional staffers. During this period of expansion, Dr. Mahan worked to ensure that the quality of education in his school district improved as well.

Under his stewardship, district schools have twice been named Blue Ribbon Winners by the United States Department of Education. This success is in large part due to the sound educational principles that have been the basis of Dr. Mahan's leadership. He has developed meaningful physical improvement plans, initiated the use of the Internet and other technology as classroom tools, and he has encouraged local businesses and organizations to provide his district's students with hands-on learning experiences through internships and mentoring programs. Furthermore, Dr. Mahan has instilled in his schools the principles of fiscal prudence, good discipline and teacher development.

Dr. Mahan's commitment to public education and to the students of Homewood School District #153 are commendable and serve as a model for others to follow. I congratulate Dr. Mahan on this milestone of his career, and wish him good luck and Godspeed in all of his future endeavors.●

#### NATIONAL SPACE SYMPOSIUM

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I had the pleasure of participating in the 14th National Space Symposium hosted last month by the United States Space Foundation. The annual symposium was designed to display and discuss current trends in the space community, and the 1998 theme reflected what has become very significant to the development of the United States space industry: "The Global Relevance for Space: Civil, Commercial and Military". As the Foundation's President, Bill Knudsen, said in his remarks,

"Space is increasingly global in all aspects. The strong interrelationship between government, private industry and military space activities has created a completely new environment."

The location of this symposium highlights the significant position of my state of Colorado in the global space business. All aspects of space thrive in Colorado; we have an extensive and growing industry and a significant military presence.

The symposium addressed several issues and opportunities with a broad international flavor, and with a focus on commercial and market concerns.

Demonstrating the interrelated nature of space activity, each of the symposium's eleven professional panels had at least one representative from the civil sector, one representing the commercial perspective and one from the national security perspective. This integrated approach produced a spirited dialog on critical space issues.

The list of participants was impressive, a few especially captured my attention. NASA Administrator Dan Goldin detailed accomplishments of the agency, announced cooperative efforts with the Air Force and substantiated the need for the International Space Station, rejecting suggestions that the Russians should be dropped from the program. Mr. Goldin also spoke to what I believe may be NASA's greatest accomplishment: increasing their productivity while reducing their budget. The NASA budget has decreased 30% since 1993, and in that same time 10 new programs and numerous partnerships have been created. In the coming era of public and private partnership in space exploration and development, NASA has established a high standard of efficiency and achievement.

The capstone panel, led by Mr. Goldin, also featured General Howell Estes, Commander in Chief of NORAD and US Space Command. General Estes emphasized the marketplace as the driving force, while recognizing the necessity of a proper partnership between the private sector and government.

Robert Mallett, the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, stressed the need to recognize commercial space as the driver of a higher growth job machine in industry that will deliver prosperity and security for coming generations of Americans.

Our colleague in the House, Representative Curt Weldon, addressed national security, space and arms control concerns as he spoke passionately from his experience of working with the Russians.

I spoke about the important mission of our military to secure the use of space, and my perspective as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee on space implications for national security. I believe that the private and public sector must work together to ensure that the United States is the first and best in space. I support legislation in Congress to encourage com-

mercialization of space, and in particular have been supportive of the efforts of our Colorado companies that plan to operate remote-sensing satellites that will offer unique high-resolution satellite photos.

In addition to the panels, more than sixty exhibitors displayed the latest in space technology at this international conference. The Foundation honored exceptional achievement in space activities, recognizing NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for their public outreach efforts associated with last summer's remarkable Pathfinder Mission, and the career of space leadership of General Thomas S. Moorman, Jr. USAF (ret.), the former vice chief of staff of the Air Force.

General Estes and others from the Space Command laid out the future of military space with the unveiling at the symposium of their Long Range Plan. Two technologies were inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame, the Global Positioning System and Temper Foam, a NASA Ames Research Center technology used in medical and recreational applications. The Hall of Fame marketed its 10th anniversary of honoring technologies originally developed for the space program and later adapted to benefit others here on Earth.

The symposium's sponsor, the United States Foundation, is a national nonprofit organization with headquarters in Colorado Springs. The Foundation's mission it to aggressively advance civil, commercial and national security space endeavors for a brighter future and to provide and support educational excellence through the excitement of space. The Foundation should be commended for this symposium and for their other important projects, such as the Mission HOME program, a public awareness campaign for the space community, and Space Discovery graduate courses and teacher education opportunities.

This annual event has grown considerably in the past few years, and I expect it to continue growing in scope and significance. I am already looking forward to next April and the 15th Annual National Space Symposium.●

#### SECURITIES LITIGATION UNIFORM STANDARDS ACT OF 1998— AMENDMENT NO. 2397

● Mr. DODD. Is it the intention of the sponsor of amendment No. 2397 to the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act that it should apply solely to States, their political subdivisions, and their pension plans?

Mr. SARBANES. Yes.

Mr. DODD. And is it the Senator's intention that the amendment not be used by plaintiff's lawyers to piggyback class action suits onto suits brought by the entities mentioned in the amendment?

Mr. SARBANES. That is correct.●